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 Filed: April 28, 2006 )

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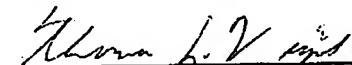
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1. A Declaration signed by the inventor, Frederico Ferraresi.
2. Authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 504041, \$65.00 for the Government surcharge on behalf of a small entity for late filing of the Declaration from the inventor.

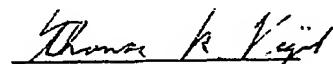
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The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

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- Oath or declaration of the Inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and International filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

## SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$65 for a Small Entity:

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